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Mr. Robert D. Loomis  
Random House, Inc.  
457 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Loomis:

Following our talk on the telephone I conferred with Colonel Grogan, who for years acted as our contact with public information media and who was forced to retire last Fall because of ill health.

He recalled to me that I had met David Wise and Mr. Ross on August 20th, 1963, a fact that had escaped my mind. I attach, for your information, Colonel Grogan's memorandum of our discussion. You will note that I discouraged the idea of a book for the reasons expressed and then explained briefly the relationship of CIA with State, Defense, and the White House, as well as several committees of Congress. I wound up by suggesting that they submit their book for checking, most particularly against errors or security violations, which obviously was not done.

I also invited further discussion. However, when Mr. Wise lunched with me on April 28th he did not mention the book. Since he came to see me in his new capacity as Bureau Chief of the New York Herald Tribune, I failed to recall his prior visit and the memorandum for the record had not been brought to my attention.

My purpose in writing and transmitting this memorandum is to correct the information I gave you over the telephone -- that is I had not met David Wise.

You will hear from me further on the subject of our telephone conversation.

Sincerely,

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John A. McCone Mr. Elder  
Director

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P. S. After I talked with you I called Mr. Wise. His office informed me that he was out of town for a week and they did not know his whereabouts.

**Attachment:**

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